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1. SUMMARY: LITTLE BEYOND OFFICIAL RECORD OF DAKAR CONFERENCE ON COMMODITIES AVAILABLE AT FINNISH FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY. TWO FINNISH ATTENDEES, AS INVITED GUESTS, CAME FROM LAGOS AND GENEVA AND WOULD PERHAPS BE ABLE AND WILLING TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION, IF APPROACHED BY US OFFICERS THERE. END SUMMARY.

2. ECONOMIC COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR TALKED ON FEB 25

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TO HEAD OF FIRST DIVISION OF POLITICAL BUREAU OF

FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY JAAKKO BLOMBERG. MEETING HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE EARLIER BECAUSE OF DELAY IN RECEIPT OF REPORT OF TWO FINNISH "INVITED GUESTS" AT DAKAR CONFERENCE. BLOMBERG SAID REPORT CONSISTED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS OF CONFERENCES. HE SAID HE HAD READ ALL MATERIAL EXCEPT SOME ANNEXES.

3. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION ABOUT POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS (REF D) HE SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAD BEEN INTRODUCED EARLY IN CONFERENCE AND HAD BEEN DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY. HE HAD NO IDEA WHO, EXCEPT ALGERIANS, HAD BEEN LEADERS AT CONFERENCE. HE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT WHETHER PRC INVITED, BUT FELT THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT OF PLACE AT CONFERENCE.

4. HE ATTRIBUTED FOREIGN MINISTRY'S RELATIVE IGNORANCE OF WHAT WENT ON AT CONFERENCE, OTHER THAN ON BASIS OF TEXTS OF PROCEEDINGS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED, TO FACT THAT NO ONE FROM MINISTRY HAD BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND, BECAUSE OF LATE RECEIPT OF INVITATION, OTHER COMMITMENTS AND LACK OF REQUIRED INOCULATIONS BY APPROPRIATE OFFICERS. THIS HAD LED TO ATTENDANCE AT DAKAR CONFERENCE OF ONLY FINLAND'S AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA, ALSO ACCREDITED SENEGAL, ERKKI HEDMANSON, AND COUNSELOR PASI RUTANEN OF FINLAND'S MISSION AT GENEVA.

5. IF MORE ABOUT DAKAR CONFERENCE IS NEEDED, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH ASK LAGOS AND GENEVA TO CONTACT HEDMANSON AND RUTANEN. (WE NOTE THAT LAGOS APPARENTLY DID NOT RECEIVE ANY OF REFTELS, WHILE GENEVA RECEIVED ONLY REFS C AND D.)
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